

Rev. Amos A. Phelps,
Boston.

Poston, March 29, 1843.

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Dear Sir, We were indebted through
you to Joseph Sturge for suggesting the proposed Convention
in London next June; your Exec. Com., at their meeting
yesterday, appointed you one of their delegates on that
occasion. We hope you can go; & if so, we will furnish
you in due time with the requisite credentials.

With much fraternal regard,
Yrs &c J. C. Jewett.

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17 GENERAL PEACE CONVENTION.

DEAR SIR,

The London Peace Society, after extensive consultation and correspondence for nearly two years, have at length called a Convention of the friends of peace from different countries, to meet in London on the 22nd of June next, with the probability of continuing in session three or four days; and, having recently received from their Committee a Circular on the subject, we beg leave to lay before you, as below, their Programme of the proposed Convention, and to express, on our own behalf as well as theirs, the hope that you will interest yourself to secure a delegation from your place, or lend your influence in any other way you can, to the success of this important measure. If delegates cannot be sent, addresses to the Convention from Peace Societies, and from meetings of citizens in any part of our country, we should deem not only proper, but very desirable; and any communications of this sort, or any other documents, if forwarded before the first of June to our Depository, 13 Tremont Row, we will transmit to London with pleasure.

In behalf of the American Peace Society,
GEO. C. BECKWITH Cor. Sec'y.

Boston, March 28, 1843.

N. B.—If you expect yourself, or know any other friend of peace likely, to be in London near the time of the Convention, please to inform us without delay.

PROGRAMME.

CONSTITUTION.—The Convention to consist—1. Of Officers and Committee of the London Peace Society:—2. All persons nominated by Peace Societies and Associations, at home or abroad, whether Auxiliary or otherwise to the London Society:—3. All persons nominated by Religious Bodies or Societies, and Philanthropic, Literary, or Scientific Institutions:—4. All persons appointed at Public Meetings of towns or districts, specially convened for the purpose:—5. All persons specially nominated by vote of the London Committee.

PRINCIPLE.—The Principle on which the Convention shall be constituted, to be, *That war is inconsistent with the spirit of Christianity, and the true interests of mankind.*

OBJECT.—The object at which it shall aim, *To deliberate upon the best means, under the Divine blessing, to show the world the evil and inexpediency of the spirit and practice of War, and to promote permanent and universal Peace.*

RULES FOR THE CONVENTION.—1. The Convention having been properly constituted, no discussion of the fundamental principle to be allowed, but the attention of the Members to be exclusively directed to the consideration and adoption of such means consistently with this principle, as may most speedily and certainly effect the great object in view.—2. That the Convention sit twice in each day, commencing at 10 o'clock in the morning, and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon; and that the Vice-Presidents be requested to preside alternately in the absence of the President.—3. That all original papers, propositions, and resolutions be submitted in writing to the Secretaries, at a period not later than the close of the sitting previous to that in which it is proposed to introduce them; and that all amendments and propositions arising out of business under discussion, be submitted to the Chairman in writing at the time.—4. That the Secretaries be instructed to report, at the close of each sitting, to the Chairman, the subjects upon which it is proposed that information shall at the next sitting be communicated to the Convention; and that such subjects shall be regularly disposed of before any other matter be introduced.—5. That as occasions may arise, Committees shall be appointed to draft Addresses, prepare resolutions, &c., to be passed through the hands of the Secretaries to the Chairman.—6. That no member of the Convention shall be allowed to speak twice on the same subject, except in explanation; or the opener by way of conclusion, in reply.—7. That all documents shall be signed by the Chairman.—8. That all letters and documents addressed to this Convention, or to the Chairman, be referred to the Secretaries.—9. That no new business be introduced in the morning sitting, after half past 1 o'clock.

PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS.—Appoint the President.—President to open the Meeting.—Secretary of the London Peace Society to read a short statement, showing the circumstances which have led to the calling of the Convention, and the objects contemplated by it.—Read, or notice, letters explaining absence, but not involving business.—Secretary to read the Rules by which the business of the Convention is proposed to be conducted. These to be put by the President *seriatim*; and recorded as agreed to.—Appoint three Vice-Presidents.—Appoint five Secretaries, who shall act also as a Committee to arrange the business of the Convention.—Read a paper on *The essential sinfulness of War, and its direct opposition to the spirit and precepts of Christianity, the prosperity of nations, and the true interests of mankind.* Adopt the paper, if approved; pass suitable resolutions upon it, as to the printing of it, &c.—Read such letters, or documents, as shall have been submitted to the Secretaries, and by them recommended to be read.—Delegates to bring forward business as arranged by the Secretaries.—Read a second paper—*founded upon the principles of the first, which shall treat of The best practical means of carrying out these principles, and shall also particularly notice the suggestions which have been laid before the public by Judge Fay, and the late William Ladd, Esq., and state any facts by which those suggestions may be supported, or otherwise.* Take the necessary discussion upon it, and adopt suitable resolutions.—Read a third paper in the form of an Address to Christian Ministers, Teachers in Colleges and Schools, and the professors of Christianity generally. This address to be adapted also to the Members of Literary and Scientific Institutions.—The Convention to embody its final conclusions in a series of Resolutions; and to give instructions to the Committee to found upon these, a General Address, adapted for circulation both in Christian and other countries; also, a more specific Address to Governments, Members of Legislative bodies, and Public Functionaries.